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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ACHILLE-FOULD TO ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 4487

- 1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICER TELLS US FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE ACHILLE-FOULD PRESSED ROMANIANS HARD ON PUMA 330 HELICOPTER DEAL DURING HIS VISIT TO BUCHAREST. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, HE TOLD THE ROMANIANS THEY COULD HAVE AN EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE OF FOUR PERCENT, DISGUISED FORMALLY HOWEVER AS A SIX AND ONE-HALF PERCENT RATE TO MEET EEC REGULATIONS. ROMANIANS REPORTEDLY MADE COUNTER-PROPOSAL THAT FRENCH ALLOW ROMANIANS TO MANUFACTURE TOURBECOMECA MILITARY JET ENGINES AND ALOUETTE-3 HELICOPTERS THEMSELVES, USING EXPORTS TO FRANCE TO DFRAY COST OF PUMA-330'S AS WELL. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY OFFICER, ACHILLE-FOULD TURNED THIS PROPOSAL DOWN COLD.
- 2. EMBASSYOFFICER SAID FRENCH BID ON THE PUMA-330 PROJECT WAS SOME 30 PERCENT OVER THAT OF SIKORSKY AND HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT SIKORSKY HAD THEINISDE TRACK. EXEMPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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